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COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA

STATE CORPORATION COMMISSION

AT RICHMOND, OCTOBER 3, 2000

APPLICATION OF

VERIZON VIRGINIA INC. F/K/A BELL ATLANTIC-VIRGINIA, INC.

CASE NO. PUC000250

For Exemption from Physical Collocation at its Hartwood, Madison, Remington, Spotsylvania, and The Crossings Central Offices

PRELIMINARY ORDER

On September 14, 2000, Verizon Virginia Inc. ("Verizon Virginia") filed with the Commission a request for exemption (hereinafter "Application") from the requirement to provide physical collocation in its Hartwood, Madison, Remington, and Spotsylvania central offices. On September 15, 2000, Verizon Virginia supplemented its Application by adding The Crossings central office to its request for exemption. In its Application and supplement, Verizon Virginia states that the information provided to support each request fulfills the requirements set out in the Commission's Rules Governing Physical Collocation Exemptions, 20 VAC 5-400-200.

NOW THE COMMISSION, having considered these requests, is of the opinion and finds that interested parties should have the opportunity to file comments on Verizon Virginia's requests; that the Commission's Staff should investigate the requests for exemption and file a report; and that Verizon Virginia should have an opportunity to file its response to all comments and the Staff Report.

Accordingly, IT IS ORDERED THAT:

- (1) On or before October 26, 2000, interested parties may file comments in response to Verizon Virginia's exemption requests for its Hartwood, Madison, Remington, Spotsylvania, and The Crossings central offices.
- (2) The Commission Staff shall investigate Verizon Virginia's exemption requests and file a report on or before November 22, 2000.
- (3) Verizon Virginia is granted leave to file its response to all comments and Staff's Report on or before December 13, 2000.
- (4) Verizon Virginia shall respond to interrogatories and data requests within ten (10) days of service. Except as modified herein, discovery shall be in accordance with Part VI of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure.